

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 108966

70

ORIGIN NEA-16

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 VO-03 SY-04 PA-04 PRS-01 SCA-01 RSC-01

/031 R

DRAFTED BY NEA/INS:DKUX:EI

APPROVED BY NEA/INS:DKUX

SCA/VO- MR. KILEY (INFO)

NEA/P - MR. BRIGGS

----- 020475

R 232304Z MAY 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 108966

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT: HARCOS AND FLETCHER

1. WASHINGTON POST CALLED NEA/INS MAY 22 RE HARCOS/  
FLETCHER SITUATION. POST SAID IT RECEIVED STORY FROM  
CALCUTTA STRINGER IMPLYING USG HAD BEEN NEGLIGENT IN  
HELPING PAIR. DEPTOFF (KUX) EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS NOT  
THE CASE, NOTING THAT CONGEN CALCUTTA HAD URGED INDIANS  
TO SPEED UP TRIAL,ARRANGED FOR COUNSEL AND TAKEN ALL  
NORMAL MEASURES TO ASSURE THAT ARRESTED RECEIVE FAIR  
SHAKE. IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTION, DEPTOFF STATED  
THAT NEITHER HARCOS NOR FLETCHER WERE CONNECTED IN ANY  
WAY WITH USG.

2. COMMENT: MAY 23 POST DID NOT CARRY STORY BUT IT MAY  
APPEAR IN NEXT DAY OR TWO. FROM WHAT POST STAFFER SAID,  
IT SOUNDED AS IF STORY WAS BASED ON BACKGROUND INTERVIEW  
WITH DEFENSE ATTORNEY. RUSH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CITIZEN PROTECTION, CONSULAR LEGAL ASSISTANCE, ARRESTS, TRIALS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 23 MAY 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GarlanWA  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974STATE108966  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** DKUX:EI  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740130-0351  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t19740522/aaaaatcv.tel  
**Line Count:** 51  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ORIGIN NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 1  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GarlanWA  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15 AUG 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <15-Aug-2002 by rowelle0>; APPROVED <03 MAR 2003 by GarlanWA>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** HARCOS AND FLETCHER  
**TAGS:** PFOR, CASC, IN, US, (HARCOS), (FLETCHER)  
**To:** NEW DELHI CALCUTTA  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005